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The data contained in this bulletin are revised yearly.

TABLE 1
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN OCTOBER 1988

NOTE: These labor force data are supplied by the U.S. Department of Labor.

CALIFORNIA SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (Numbers in thousands)	OCTOBER 1988	SEPTEMBER 1988	AUGUST 1988	OCTOBER 1987
a/				
Total civilian labor force	14,160	14,142	14,159	13,784
Total civilian employment.....	13,457	13,411	13,373	12,984
Total unemployment.....	703	731	786	800
Seasonally adjusted rate (%).	5.0	5.2	5.6	5.8
b/				
Range	4.3-5.7	4.4-6.0	4.8-6.4	5.2-6.4
U.S. seasonally adjusted rate..	5.3	5.4	5.6	6.0
CALIFORNIA UNADJUSTED (Numbers in thousands)				
a/				
Total civilian labor force	14,200	14,116	14,256	13,825
Total civilian employment.....	13,524	13,409	13,462	13,055
Total unemployment.....	676	707	794	770
Unadjusted rate (%).....	4.8	5.0	5.6	5.6
b/				
Range.....	4.1-5.5	4.2-5.8	4.8-6.4	5.0-6.2

a/ Total labor force by place of residence, including workers involved in trade disputes. Employment includes self-employed, unpaid family and domestic workers.
b/ Range as shown is at the 90% level of confidence.

HIGHLIGHTS California's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for October was 5.0 percent, down from the 5.2 percent in September. A year ago, in October, the rate was 5.8 percent. During October in California, seasonally adjusted employment increased by 46,000 over the month while unemployment decreased by 28,000. The national civilian seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for October was 5.3 percent, down from the 5.4 percent in September.

Total nonagricultural wage and salary employment, not seasonally adjusted, increased by 77,000 from 12,175,400 in September to 12,252,400 in October. The largest increase in employment was in the government sector where all the gains were recorded in the education component with 54,600 additional jobs; however, this increase was less than seasonally expected. Other major industry sectors reporting job growth included: wholesale and retail trade with 19,700; services with 13,000; finance, insurance, and real estate with 3,300; construction with 2,000; and mining with 200. Since October 1987, total nonagricultural wage and salary employment has increased by 481,000--a gain of 3.4 percent over the year.

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TABLE 2
EMPLOYMENT STATUS OF THE WORKING-AGE
POPULATION IN CALIFORNIA
(Numbers in Thousands)
Data Are Not Seasonally Adjusted
Data Are Three-Month Moving Averages*

EMPLOYMENT STATUS	OCTOBER 1988	SEPTEMBER 1988	AUGUST 1988	OCTOBER 1987
Total, Age 16 +				
Labor Force	14,191	14,224	14,244	13,830
Employed	13,465	13,444	13,443	13,069
Unemployed	726	780	801	761
Unemployment Rate	5.1	5.5	5.6	5.5
Male, Age 20 +				
Labor Force	7,634	7,642	7,601	7,368
Employed	7,303	7,284	7,229	7,045
Unemployed	331	358	373	323
Unemployment Rate	4.3	4.7	4.9	4.4
Female, Age 20 +				
Labor Force	5,708	5,645	5,687	5,610
Employed	5,450	5,375	5,412	5,316
Unemployed	258	270	275	295
Unemployment Rate	4.5	4.8	4.8	5.3
Both Sexes, Age 16-19				
Labor Force	850	937	955	852
Employed	713	785	802	708
Unemployed	137	152	154	144
Unemployment Rate	16.1	16.2	16.1	16.9
White, Age 16 +				
Labor Force	11,982	12,018	12,007	11,668
Employed	11,395	11,382	11,368	11,083
Unemployed	587	636	639	585
Unemployment Rate	4.9	5.3	5.3	5.0
Nonwhite, Age 16 +				
Labor Force	2,209	2,206	2,236	2,162
Employed	2,070	2,062	2,074	1,986
Unemployed	139	144	162	176
Unemployment Rate	6.3	6.5	7.2	8.2

*Data supplied by the U.S. Department of Labor from their current population survey. No comparable data are available for areas within California. The sample upon which the data in Table 2 is based was reduced in April 1988. The result has been volatile monthly unemployment estimates for specific labor market groups. Therefore, data show a THREE-MONTH MOVING AVERAGE instead of monthly data. For example, July's data are an average of May, June, and July.

TABLE 3
EARNINGS AND HOURS* OF PRODUCTION AND RELATED WORKERS
IN MANUFACTURING IN CALIFORNIA

Area	Average weekly earnings			Average hours per week			Average hourly earnings		
	SEP 1988	AUG 1988	SEP 1987	SEP 1988	AUG 1988	SEP 1987	SEP 1988	AUG 1988	SEP 1987
California	$444.44	$442.00	$435.81	40.7	40.7	39.8	$10.92	$10.86	$10.95

*Average hours and earnings are based upon data for full-time and part-time production and related workers in manufacturing industries. Average gross weekly and hourly earnings include overtime pay and premium wages for late-shift work. These are not wage rates but are averages of gross earnings. Data are preliminary and subject to change.

TABLE 4
MONTHLY WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT ANALYSIS FOR OCTOBER
EMPLOYMENT IN THOUSANDS OF JOBS
--DATA NOT ADJUSTED FOR SEASONALITY--

INDUSTRY TITLE	CURRENT MONTH	PREVIOUS MONTH (REVISED)	YEAR AGO	NUMERICAL CHANGE		PERCENT CHANGE	
	OCT88	SEP88	OCT87	MONTH/MONTH	YEAR/YEAR	MONTH/MONTH	YEAR/YEAR
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	12252.4	12175.4	11851.4	77.0	401.0	0.6	3.4
MINING	40.9	40.7	41.0	0.2	-0.1	0.5	-0.2
METAL MINING	2.3	2.3	2.2	0.0	0.1	0.0	4.5
FUEL MINING	31.3	31.1	31.8	0.2	-0.5	0.6	-1.6
NONMETAL MINING	7.3	7.3	7.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	4.3
CONSTRUCTION	665.5	663.5	614.1	2.0	51.4	0.3	8.4
GENERAL BUILDING CONTRACTORS	177.0	177.1	162.0	-0.1	15.0	-0.1	9.3
HEAVY CONSTRUCTION	94.6	93.7	83.2	0.9	11.4	1.0	13.7
SPECIAL TRADE CONTRACTORS	393.9	392.7	368.9	1.2	25.0	0.3	6.8
MANUFACTURING	2163.1	2172.2	2127.9	-9.1	35.2	-0.4	1.7
NONDURABLE GOODS	713.0	723.8	691.0	-10.8	22.0	-1.5	3.2
FOOD & KINDRED PRODUCTS	186.8	203.2	178.8	-16.4	8.0	-8.1	4.5
CANNED, CURED, FROZEN SEAFOODS	4.2	4.3	5.3	-0.1	-1.1	-2.3	-20.8
PRESERVED FRUITS & VEGETABLES	56.7	73.9	51.8	-17.2	4.9	-23.3	9.5
OTHER FOOD & KINDRED PRODUCTS	125.9	125.0	121.7	0.9	4.2	0.7	3.5
TEXTILE MILL PRODUCTS	17.1	16.8	16.6	0.3	0.5	1.8	3.0
APPAREL & OTHER TEXTILE PRODS	130.3	126.4	126.3	3.9	4.0	3.1	3.2
PAPER & ALLIED PRODUCTS	42.5	42.7	42.3	-0.2	0.2	-0.5	0.5
PRINTING & PUBLISHING	158.5	157.3	153.5	1.2	5.0	0.8	3.3
CHEMICALS & ALLIED PRODUCTS	70.6	70.7	67.4	-0.1	3.2	-0.1	4.7
PETROLEUM & COAL PRODUCTS	26.2	26.2	26.6	0.0	-0.4	0.0	-1.5
RUBBER & MISC PLASTIC PRODUCTS	74.4	74.0	72.9	0.4	1.5	0.5	2.1
LEATHER AND LEATHER PRODUCTS	6.6	6.5	6.6	0.1	0.0	1.5	0.0
DURABLE GOODS	1450.1	1448.4	1436.9	1.7	13.2	0.1	0.9
LUMBER & WOOD PROD EXC FURNITURE	69.0	69.5	67.1	-0.5	1.9	-0.7	2.8
FURNITURE & FIXTURES	65.2	64.3	63.5	0.9	1.7	1.4	2.7
STONE, CLAY & GLASS PRODUCTS	56.0	55.7	54.9	0.3	1.1	0.5	2.0
PRIMARY METAL INDUSTRIES	41.3	41.2	40.8	0.1	0.5	0.2	1.2
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	134.4	134.7	133.4	-0.3	1.0	-0.2	0.7
MACHINERY EXC ELECTRICAL	223.6	223.1	216.0	0.5	7.6	0.2	3.5
ELECTRICAL EQUIP & SUPPLIES	394.2	393.4	397.4	0.8	-3.2	0.2	-0.8
TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT	316.5	316.7	317.4	-0.2	-0.9	-0.1	-0.3
MOTOR VEHICLES & EQUIPMENT	35.4	35.5	33.9	-0.1	1.5	-0.3	4.4
AIRCRAFT AND PARTS	177.1	177.5	176.3	-0.4	0.8	-0.2	0.5
SHIP & BOAT BLDG & REPAIRING	12.4	12.0	13.6	0.4	-1.2	3.3	-8.8
GUIDED MISS, SPACE VEHICLES PTS	81.6	81.6	83.2	0.0	-1.6	0.0	-1.9
OTHER TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT	10.0	10.1	10.4	-0.1	-0.4	-1.0	-3.8
INSTRUMENTS & RELATED PRODUCTS	114.8	114.9	111.2	-0.1	3.6	-0.1	3.2
MISC MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES	35.1	34.9	35.2	0.2	-0.1	0.6	-0.3
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	591.0	593.1	588.1	-2.1	2.9	-0.4	0.5
TRANSPORTATION	349.9	351.8	343.7	-1.9	6.2	-0.5	1.8
RAILROADS	18.2	18.3	18.8	-0.1	-0.6	-0.5	-3.2
TRUCKING AND WAREHOUSING	147.1	146.5	144.8	0.6	2.3	0.4	1.6
OTHER TRANSPORTATION	184.6	187.0	180.1	-2.4	4.5	-1.3	2.5
COMMUNICATIONS	154.6	154.7	159.1	-0.1	-4.5	-0.1	-2.8
ELECTRIC, GAS & SANITARY SERVICES	86.5	86.6	85.3	-0.1	1.2	-0.1	1.4
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	2925.2	2905.5	2799.8	19.7	125.4	0.7	4.5
WHOLESALE TRADE	714.0	713.3	693.8	0.7	20.2	0.1	2.9
RETAIL TRADE	2211.2	2192.2	2106.0	19.0	105.2	0.9	5.0
GENERAL MERCHANDISE STORES	258.0	247.5	245.1	10.5	12.9	4.2	5.3
FOOD STORES	299.3	298.4	287.0	0.9	12.3	0.3	4.3
OTHER RETAIL TRADE	1653.9	1646.3	1573.9	7.6	80.0	0.5	5.1
FINANCE INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	829.3	826.0	812.7	3.3	16.6	0.4	2.0
FINANCE	383.0	382.8	383.6	0.2	-0.6	0.1	-0.2
INSURANCE AGTS CARRIERS BRKRS	231.9	230.4	223.4	1.5	8.5	0.7	3.8
REAL ESTATE	192.9	191.5	184.8	1.4	8.1	0.7	4.4
COMB HOLDING & OTHER INVEST CO	21.5	21.3	20.9	0.2	0.6	0.9	2.9
SERVICES	3053.8	3040.8	2941.7	13.0	112.1	0.4	3.8
HOTELS AND OTHER LODGING PLACES	176.2	175.7	165.6	0.5	10.6	0.3	6.4
PERSONAL SERVICES	132.5	131.9	126.2	0.6	6.3	0.5	5.0
BUSINESS SERVICES	785.6	780.6	748.1	5.0	37.5	0.6	5.0
AUTO AND MISC REPAIR SERVICES	162.1	162.6	160.7	-0.5	1.4	-0.3	0.9
MOTION PICTURES	84.5	88.0	91.0	-3.5	-6.5	-4.0	-7.1
AMUSEMENT & RECREATION SERVICES	113.9	120.8	115.3	-6.9	-1.4	-5.7	-1.2
HEALTH SERVICES	731.9	730.9	706.1	1.0	25.8	0.1	3.7
OTHER SERVICES	867.1	850.3	828.7	16.8	38.4	2.0	4.6
GOVERNMENT	1983.6	1933.6	1926.1	50.0	57.5	2.6	3.0
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	353.8	354.2	349.9	-0.4	3.9	-0.1	1.1
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	1629.8	1579.4	1576.2	50.4	53.6	3.2	3.4
COUNTY	257.1	257.3	245.9	-0.2	11.2	-0.1	4.6
CITY	218.6	220.5	211.8	-1.9	6.8	-0.9	3.2
EDUCATION	856.3	801.7	832.5	54.6	23.8	6.8	2.9
EDUCATION STATE	154.8	142.3	153.1	12.5	1.7	8.8	1.1
EDUCATION LOCAL	701.5	659.4	679.4	42.1	22.1	6.4	3.3
OTHER STATE & LOCAL	297.8	299.9	286.0	-2.1	11.8	-0.7	4.1
STATE EXC ED	200.8	201.3	191.7	-0.5	9.1	-0.2	4.7
SPECIAL DISTRICT	97.0	98.6	94.3	-1.6	2.7	-1.6	2.9
TOTAL AGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	345.0	437.0	347.6	-92.0	-2.6	-21.1	-0.7

SOURCE: EMPLOYMENT DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
EMPLOYMENT DATA AND RESEARCH DIVISION

TABLE 5

MONTHLY LABOR FORCE DATA FOR COUNTIES
SEPTEMBER 1988

COUNTY	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	
			NUMBER	PERCENT*
STATE TOTAL	14116500	13409500	707000	5.0
ALAMEDA	667600	638200	29400	4.4
ALPINE	425	400	25	7.5
AMADOR	10900	10275	625	5.7
BUTTE	71600	66875	4725	6.6
CALAVERAS	10000	9250	750	7.4
COLUSA	8075	7500	575	7.1
CONTRA COSTA	400600	382500	18100	4.5
DEL NORTE	8325	7575	750	9.1
EL DORADO	62000	59300	2700	4.4
FRESNO	341800	314100	27700	8.1
GLENN	10500	9625	875	8.3
HUMBOLDT	51700	48300	3400	6.6
IMPERIAL	42000	31500	10500	25.1
INYO	7700	7400	300	4.0
KERN	232100	210200	21900	9.5
KINGS	35425	32050	3375	9.5
LAKE	18350	16800	1550	8.4
LASSEN	9550	9000	550	5.9
LOS ANGELES	4097700	3902300	195400	4.8
MADERA	45475	42300	3175	7.0
MARIN	127000	123300	3700	2.9
MARIPOSA	7225	6850	375	5.1
MENDOCINO	37075	34675	2400	6.4
MERCED	78900	72675	6225	7.9
MODOC	4150	3900	250	5.9
MONO	5050	4825	225	4.5
MONTEREY	164800	154700	10100	6.1
NAPA	56300	54200	2100	3.7
NEVADA	30250	28525	1725	5.7
ORANGE	1335300	1294400	40900	3.1
PLACER	77000	73400	3600	4.6
PLUMAS	8775	8225	550	6.4
RIVERSIDE	415900	385100	30800	7.4
SACRAMENTO	511700	485800	25900	5.1
SAN BENITO	17775	16200	1575	8.8
SAN BERNARDINO	541700	514500	27200	5.0
SAN DIEGO	1125400	1076500	48900	4.3
SAN FRANCISCO	411400	393800	17600	4.3
SAN JOAQUIN	204000	188100	15900	7.8
SAN LUIS OBISPO	94750	91050	3700	3.9
SAN MATEO	350900	341400	9500	2.7
SANTA BARBARA	180100	172500	7600	4.2
SANTA CLARA	826500	795300	31200	3.8
SANTA CRUZ	128200	121500	6700	5.2
SHASTA	57325	52700	4625	8.1
SIERRA	1650	1575	75	4.2
SISKIYOU	19050	17425	1625	8.5
SOLANO	139800	131800	8000	5.7
SONOMA	199100	190700	8400	4.2
STANISLAUS	164300	149200	15100	9.2
SUTTER	27775	25025	2750	9.9
TEHAMA	18425	17125	1300	7.1
TRINITY	5700	5300	400	7.2
TULARE	146550	133450	13100	8.9
TUOLUMNE	18875	17650	1225	6.5
VENTURA	355800	335900	19900	5.6
YOLO	70400	67100	3300	4.7
YUBA	19350	17500	1850	9.5

* NOTE: IMPERIAL COUNTY ESTIMATES ARE LOWER BEGINNING WITH THE JANUARY 1986 REPORT DUE TO A CHANGE IN METHOD OF ESTIMATING UNEMPLOYMENT.
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE IS BASED ON UNROUNDED DATA.
DATA NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED.